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Introduction

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temporarily while components were designed and
fabricated.

China's [REDACTED] Production Reactor

Soviet Role

In the mid-1950s, the Soviet Union secretly agreed to help China develop the capability to build and deliver nuclear weapons. This agreement began to fall apart in June 1959.

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China
already had been provided with plans, equipment, and
technical aid [REDACTED] the production of
nuclear weapons. One facility started under this
agreement was a plutonium-production complex near
the city of Yumen, the state operated (now Ministry
of Nuclear Industry) 404 Factory [REDACTED]

China Finishes Alone

The Soviet departure left the reactor project in a difficult situation. None of the key components had been received, and the project was forced to halt.

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